

ABSTRACT

In the context of electronic documents approval systems, an electronic document
5 or a section thereof provided with a status identifier. The status identifier, in
addition to standard "valid" and "invalid" approval states, has at least one of a
"modified and approved" state, indicating that modifications have been made to
the document as previously approved by a user but that someone has taken
responsibility for these modifications, and an "unknown" state, indicating that it is
10 unknown if the document has been modified since approval by a user.

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